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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Budget

WHILE the general public can congratulate themselves on the fact they have no additional taxation burdens to meet in the coming financial year, the Financial Secretary earns the congratulations of the community for one of the most realistic budgets ever presented. It is observed with satisfaction that he estimates no token surplus which, in previous years, has been grossly misleading as to the Colony's capacity to earn revenue. This time there has been some hard-headed, realistic estimating. The Financial Secretary is fully entitled to anticipate a total intake of \$348,642,700 for 1953-54; only drastic changes in the Far East and world situation for the worse could have any serious effect on the Colony's earning capacity. And his estimated expenditure of \$327,712,333 clearly takes into consideration all possible contingencies and it may be taken for granted that the estimate will not be exceeded. The outlook generally is quite encouraging, with the Colony's financial solvency more firmly established than ever.

APART from the catalogue of impressive figures which the Financial Secretary presented in his Budget speech, he also made a number of extremely interesting, and at times challenging, statements. There will be general approval of his viewpoint that Government departments should make themselves as efficient as possible by the elimination of Red Tape, before demanding staff increases which add so rapidly to administrative costs. He very correctly emphasises that the more clerical employees engaged, the greater the demand for additional offices and equipment which involve further overheads. When, in the case of providing two additional members to the Rating and Valuation Department establishment, Government is assured of another million dollars a year in revenue, the fullest justification exists for bringing the department up to the strength required; and the same holds good when it can be shown that by a comparatively small capital expenditure, Government can in due course make considerable savings.

THE most controversial and challenging points raised by the Financial Secretary yesterday related to the expansion of educational and medical facilities. Both programmes are expensive in that they involve heavy capital outlay and considerable recurrent expenditure in the way of staffing, equipment and maintenance. Public demand for the development of educational facilities and medical services has, up to the present, been insistent, and credit can be given Government for trying to meet these demands from available revenue. Nevertheless, the Financial Secretary's warning must be heeded: that if all the projects for more schools, more hospitals and more clinics are to be carried out, increased taxation is inevitable. The prospect of additional direct taxation being levied is unpleasant, more particularly as it hits but a small proportion of the population. The Financial Secretary's point that "it almost appears as if we are introducing a form of national health service without imposing on the participants the obligation of paying their weekly or monthly contributions to it" will not go by unappreciated. The Unofficials have good reason to accept the Financial Secretary's invitation to give serious thought to the dilemma.

MOLOTOV AND MALENKOV TAKE OVER

Reported To Be Sharing The Top Duties

London, Mar. 4.

Viacheslav Molotov has assumed the functions of acting Premier of the Soviet Union and Georgi Malenkov has taken over the control of the Russian Communist Party as a result of Premier Josef Stalin's critical illness, according to information reaching here tonight.

Molotov, Russia's senior Minister, was said to have stepped into Stalin's governmental shoes temporarily in accordance with provisions applying to vacancies in the Premier's post in the interim before the Government is reorganised.

Malenkov, as the First Secretary of the Party's Central Committee, will manage the Party's Secretariat and the Party itself, according to this information.

The question of permanent succession to the stricken Marshal would be decided at a special meeting of the Central Committee which would be called if Stalin failed to improve or he died.

Molotov and Malenkov are also top candidates for permanent succession.

Experts were generally agreed that Stalin's replacement would increase chances for continued world peace and lessen the likelihood of the outbreak of another war at least for the present. This opinion was supported by the belief that any permanent successor to the Premier would long have his hands full getting Russia's internal house in order and would have little time for a foreign adventure. There is still an outside chance, however, that the Soviet's new boss might have to resort to war to distract from the danger of collapse at home.

Stalin's death was not expected to cause any drastic change in Russia's foreign policy.

Deputy Prime Minister is East Germany's principal link with the Kremlin.

German sources said the top men in all the satellites have been summoned to Moscow for highly important conferences. Ubricht was arrested by telephone from Moscow to report as quickly as plane passage could be arranged.—Associated Press.

POSTPONED HOLIDAY

London, Mar. 4.
Sir Alvy Alvy Gueslin, British Ambassador to the Soviet Union, has postponed the holiday he was due to take in Britain and France, a Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

Sir Alvy was due to leave Moscow for London and Paris on March 9 and was expected to be away about a month.—Reuters.

EISENHOWER'S MESSAGE

Washington, Mar. 4.
In his statement expressing his sympathy for the Soviet people on account of the illness of Josef Stalin, President Dwight D. Eisenhower said: "At this moment in history, when the multitude of the Russians are anxiously concerned because of the illness of the Soviet ruler, the thoughts of America go out to all the people of the USSR, the men and women, the boys and girls in the villages, cities, farms and factories of their homeland. They are the children of the same God, who is the father of all peoples everywhere. And like all the peoples of Russia, millions are longing for a friendly and peaceful world."

"Regardless of the identity of government personalities, the prayers of our Americans must be that the Almighty will watch over the people of that country and bring them in his wisdom the opportunity to live their lives in a world where all men and women and children dwell in peace and comradeship."

PRAYERS FOR STALIN

Moscow, Mar. 5.
Believers of all faiths across the Soviet Union last night offered up prayers that God spare the life of Premier Joseph Stalin, half paralysed after a stroke.

In the central Moscow Cathedral, Patriarch Alexius of Moscow and All Russia led a congregation which almost filled the vast building in prayer for Marshal Stalin's full recovery.

"All Russian people—all people everywhere—pray to God for the health of the sick," the Patriarch said, his suppliant voice echoing through the great Cathedral.

Cries of "Amen" went up from the worshippers as the Patriarch praised Marshal Stalin for what he had done to further the Church welfare.

Their heads covered in white shawls, sobbing women bowed in prayer. Men prayed and young people crossed and prostrated themselves before the altar with its hundreds of burning candles. The Chief Rabbi of Moscow, Solomon Schiffer, led his congregation in prayer.—(Contd. on back page, col. 8)



MOLOTOV



MALENKOV

Refugees Pour Into W. Berlin

Berlin, Mar. 4.
Three thousand be-draggled East Germans crossed the Russian frontier during a steady rain today and asked for asylum in West Berlin.

The jammed refugee headquarters laboured incessantly to handle the new arrivals, and has now processed more than 12,000 who burst out of the East since the first of the month.

Meanwhile in the capital at Bonn, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer urged the East Germans to avoid a feeling of "panic" and to stand firm rather than rush Westward except in exceptional cases where a person's life and liberty would be at stake.

The Chancellor has asked the Allies to provide military planes for an adequate airlift of the refugees from Berlin to West Germany. His Cabinet will meet the Presidents of the 11 West German states tomorrow to review the co-operative effort in behalf of the refugees.

The new flood of East Germans fleeing the Iron-fisted Soviet zone included 35 Jews. About 600 Jews altogether have fled West since anti-Semitic tones entered the bombastic purge campaign of the East. There are still about 2,000 in the East zone and East Berlin.

The anti-Communist "Fighting Group Against Inhumanity" reported that Red officials in various cities are now auctioning the possessions left behind by the fleeing refugees.—Associated Press.

The Russian Crisis

Tito May Postpone Visit To London

London, Mar. 4.

Marshal Tito's visit to London, arranged for March 23, may have to be postponed because his Government feels a crisis will develop swiftly inside Russia as a result of Stalin's illness, cables R. M. MacColl from Belgrade.

Many Yugoslav high officials are convinced that Stalin is already dead and that the communiques so far broadcast from Moscow are only a preliminary attempt to prepare the Russian people for the full, calamitous news with as little disturbance as possible.

The news was received in the Yugoslavian capital with barely-concealed glee, though trouble on the borders of Yugoslavia is thought possible.

Albania, cut off from all direct contact with Russia ever since Tito broke with the Kremlin in 1948, has lately been showing signs of growing dissatisfaction. A flare-up in Albania, perhaps civil war, could lead to a tense Balkan situation with the other Russian satellite nations anxious to come to the aid of Hoxha, the pro-Russian boss of Albania.

For this and other reasons Tito is tonight weighing the possibility of putting off his British visit. High Government and diplomatic officials in Belgrade are sure a period of considerable suspense must now follow.

The balance of power in south-east Europe could change quickly and it might be well for Tito to stay close to his capital.

UNCERTAIN FACTOR

One of the highly uncertain factors in the Russian situation is thought in Belgrade to be the Red Army. It is felt that whatever the outcome of the struggle for power on the part of members of the Politburo they will probably acquiesce without an open break.

The Politburo would close its ranks because its members would otherwise stand to lose too much.

But nobody is sure what the Red Army may feel about things and whether its able and ambitious generals will heed the appeals for national unity and calm which have been broadcast from Moscow.

In Washington, cables Henry Lowrie, neither the White House nor the State Department was saying outright what it thought about possible repercussions following Stalin's imminent disappearance from Russian public life.

But American officials agreed that Stalin's condition was of incalculable importance in both the hot and cold wars. Meanwhile in London speculation as to a possible successor to Stalin fills columns in today's newspapers.

According to Victor Corwin, writing in the "Daily Express," Malenkov, 61-year-old Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, is a firm favourite in the succession stakes.

Malenkov, he writes, is known to have favoured for a long time some form of co-existence with the West, and for this reason is considered to be a moderate in foreign affairs.

Molotov, former Foreign Minister and now senior Deputy Premier, is also in the running. Though he has little influence in the party his main strength until now was in the fact that he was Stalin's oldest collaborator.—London Express Service.

Mrs Sanders Still Pleading

London, Mar. 4.
Mrs Sanders, wife of the British businessman, Edgar Sanders, now imprisoned in Hungary, went to the Foreign Office today to plead for acceptance of a Hungarian offer to exchange her husband for a Malayan girl. Mrs Sanders told reporters that an official said there was little the Foreign Office could do for her husband at present, but they had not forgotten about him.—Reuters.

Kenyatta Trial

Startling Allegation By Counsel

Kapenguria, Mar. 4.
Mr. Diwan Channal, former Indian Ambassador to Turkey, startled the Magistrate's court here today during the Mau Mau trial by protesting that one of the prosecution's witnesses, who had given evidence against Jomo Kenyatta, was a lunatic.

He was sharply rebuked by Magistrate Ramsay Thacker who pointed out that he had no right to make such a suggestion during his closing address to the court.

The Magistrate told him: "You really must not produce these 13-hour performances."

Mr. Somerrough, running his hands through his hair, said to the Indian lawyer: "You cannot say this thing."

The Magistrate agreed. "You must not say it," he said, "you really must not. You can't raise a matter like this after the evidence has been closed. It must be raised at another place."

Mr. Somerrough, who has now been speaking for seven hours and is not expected to finish his closing address until Friday, complained at least three times earlier in the day about interruptions by Mr. Channal.

The Indian lawyer has been leading the defence since Mr. D. N. Pritt, QC, left the court yesterday on his way back to England, after winding up his case.

Mr. Somerrough said the Crown maintained that Kenyatta and the other accused had "disliked" themselves in this case. Kenyatta, who had been extraordinarily evasive in the witness box, had chosen to paint a picture of himself as a saint-like figure who abhorred violence and who thought everybody could lie down together like lion and lamb and be like brothers and sisters and would never do anything except by constitutional means.—Reuters.

STOP PRESS

Stalin Latest

London, Mar. 5.
A Radio Moscow broadcast monitored here, in a second medical bulletin on the condition of Premier Stalin, said his position "remains serious" and that arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) has developed. The official broadcast bulletin said breathing difficulties continued and blood circulation had become worse.—United Press.

Curfew In Lahore

Lahore, Mar. 5.
Curfew was imposed on Lahore city last night after a mob shot dead the Deputy Superintendent of Police.

The crowd was demonstrating against the Ahmadiya sect of Muslims. Rioters grabbed the officer's pistol and shot him dead. Three constables were seriously injured.

One person was killed on Tuesday and several injured when police opened fire on a crowd demonstrating against the sect.

The Ahmadiya sect, formed 50 years ago to interpret the Koran in the light of modern times, is considered heretical by many Orthodox Muslims.—Reuters.

Students Attack Police

Athens, Mar. 4.
Three thousand Communist-led University of Athens students fought a two hour battle with police on Wednesday in demonstrating for the independence of Cyprus.

Twenty persons including some policemen were injured. Several students were arrested. Reinforced police squads broke up an attempt by the students to march from the campus along Venizelos Boulevard, Athens' main street to the British Embassy. The students were supporting demands by Greek residents of Cyprus that it be united with Greece.

The students pelted the police with stones and bricks and attacked them with sticks. The police fought back with clubs. A fire engine attempting to play a hose on the students quickly withdrew after the demonstrators damaged its equipment.

Traffic was tied up during the running battle. Greek Orthodox Archbishop Makarios of Cyprus rushed to the campus and finally persuaded them to disperse.

Police Chief Nicholas Tsoulas said Communist elements mingled with the demonstrators and were mainly responsible for the disorder and damage.—Associated Press.

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5. The South Koreans, including women, were ready and willing to fight for their freedom. The North Koreans would join the South Koreans against the Communists except for the fact that "they have a gun at their backs."—Reuters.

Record Exports Of Scotch Whisky

London, Mar. 4.
Britain exported an all-time record of 11,520,884 proof gallons of Scotch whisky in 1952 and earned 239,000,000 as a result.—Reuters.

Van Fleet On Korea

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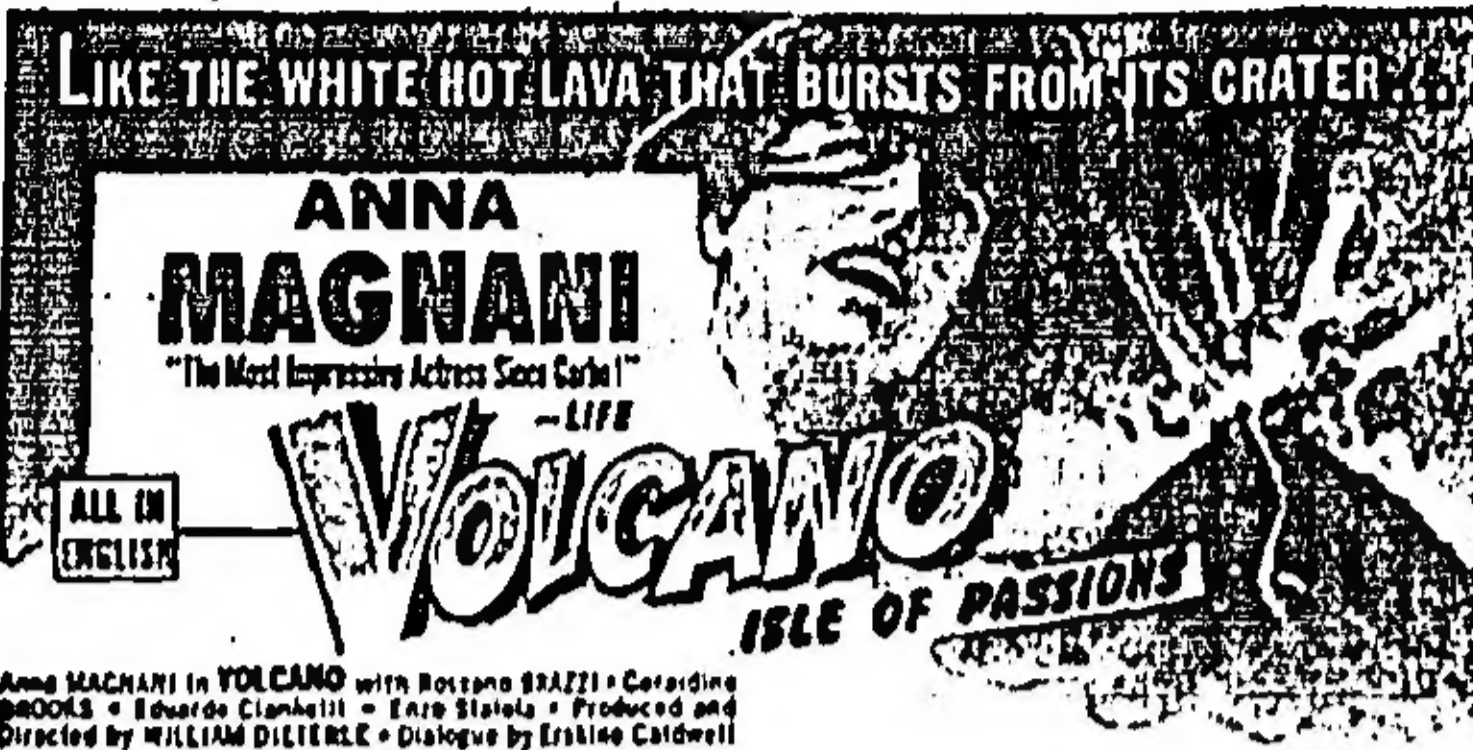
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COMMENCING TO-MORROW: "SON OF PALEFACE"

Sent Doctor To Siberia



When Jutta Peters went to Berlin in 1943 to join a private clinic owned by Dr. Peter Steyer, the latter fell in love with his new blonde nurse. The romance did not last long, however, and in revenge Jutta decided she would get the clinic for herself and denounced her ex-lover as a Nazi to the French and American authorities. The Allies refused to take action as the allegations were unsubstantiated. Undaunted, Jutta went to the Russian authorities and Dr. Steyer was arrested by the Russian State Security Service at a hospital in Eastern Berlin. He was tried and sentenced to 25 years in Siberia and Jutta Peters achieved her ambition and became owner of the clinic. Her crime caught up with her and she was tried and convicted by a German Court to 4 1/2 years in prison, and five years loss of civil rights. Now she is appealing and is trying to put the blame on another doctor—who died last year.—Express Photo.

Magsaysay To French Drive In Tonkin

Manila, Mar. 4. Ramon Magsaysay, who has just resigned as Philippines National Defence Secretary, will visit the United States in June. The Manila Junior Chamber of Commerce said Mr. Magsaysay has accepted an invitation of the International Junior Chamber of Commerce to be one of the principal speakers at its World Congress in San Francisco.

The invitation was sent to Mr. Magsaysay by the Jaycees late last year.—Associated Press.

TOURIST CLASS AIR TRAVEL

Brussels, Mar. 4. From next April, the Belgian Sabena Airlines will extend the "tourist-class" system to the entire European network and to most of the long-distance lines. Leon Schoewarts, commercial manager of Sabena, announced here.

Despite lower fares, tourist class passengers will be flown in the same type of machines as those reserved for first class travellers.—Associated Press.

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Meteor Fighters Doing Good Job In Korea Can Deal With Russian Planes

Korea, Mar. 4. Commonwealth pilots flying the much-criticised British-built Meteor jet in Korea say that they are now quite willing to "take care of" any Communist Migs which attack them.

The Meteors ran into a storm of criticism in Britain and Australia after they were badly mauled by Russian-built Mig 15's at the end of 1951.

Pilots of Australia's 77th Fighter Interceptor Squadron ("The Double Seven") say now that, when the Meteors replaced their Mustangs in August 1951, they were an unknown quantity. Almost as soon as the Australians had been converted to the twin-jets they were sent straight up to the Yalu River.

"We were spooling for a fight," one pilot said. At first the Communist Migs were wary of the Meteors. Then, in a disastrous day for the Squadron, the Communists shot down three of their brand-new Meteors.

The immediate reaction was to go from one extreme to the other—from over-estimating the capabilities of the Meteor to under-estimating them. Now, after more than 18 months of operational service over the world's toughest testing ground, the Australian and British pilots of the Double Seven have developed a great respect for the slender, stubby-winged Meteor.

The pilots say that when the Meteor first met the Mig it made the fatal mistake of trying to fight the swept-wing Communist plane on its own ground, or rather in its own air—the stratosphere of 30,000 feet and upwards.

"TERRIFIC WALLPAPER". The Meteor has never met the Mig on anything like favourable terms. Most of the battles were fought far above the Meteors' best operating altitude, and with the Australians outnumbered by as much as 10 to one. Even at those odds, the Meteor squadron destroyed three Migs and damaged more before they were withdrawn from the "Mig Alley" area.

No one suggests today that the Meteor is still a first line interceptor. But as an escort or close support plane, they agree that it "backs a terrific wallop". The Commanding Officer of 77 Squadron, Wing Commander John Hubble, A.F.C., says that it is a "beautiful aeroplane to fly" and a first rate ground attack weapon.

Modern fighters all have their ideal operating altitudes, and the role to which they are assigned is largely dependent on this. Meteors with an ideal ceiling of less than 25,000 feet, are being used in Korea for escorting light bombers against possible Communist fighter attacks, and for harassing enemy communications.

The Fifth Air Force says that Meteors have been seen operating comfortably at 55,000 feet.

BEST FOR THE JOB

If the Migs want to attack the Meteors on their present job, the Communist jets will have to have down well below their ideal altitude. Double Seven pilots are quite confident that with the Meteors' terrific power, and manoeuvrability they could more than take care of themselves.

These pilots say that the Meteor is the best plane in Korea for the job which it is now doing. A single Meteor packs the destructive power of eight 6-inch artillery shells in its eight rockets. It also carries four 20-millimetre guns which are quite capable of destroying ordinary road traffic.

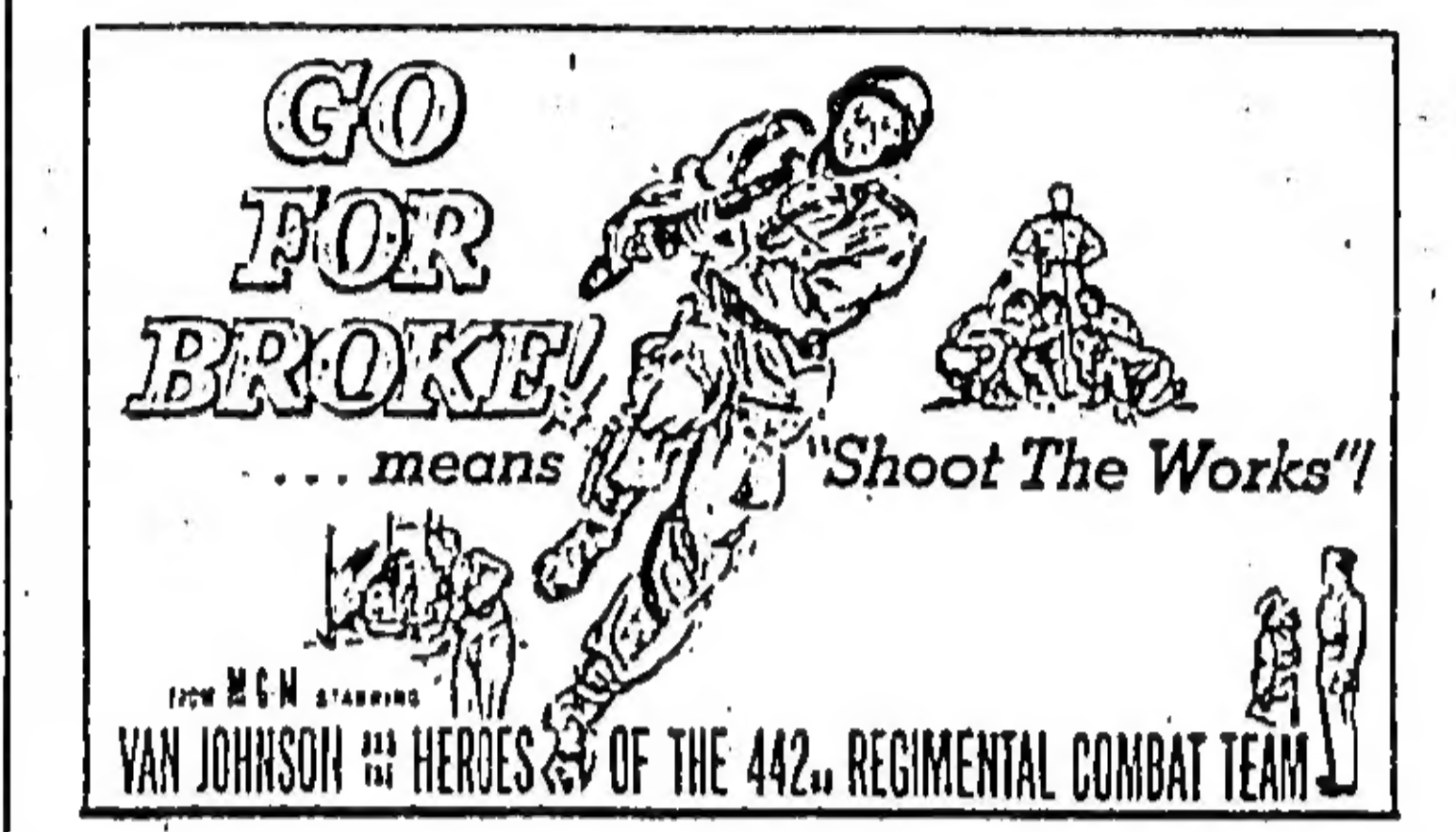
The ground attack missions now being flown by the Meteors are among the most dangerous jobs in Korea. To fire their rockets accurately, the Meteor pilots must dive directly on their target, at the same time weaving from side to side to confuse ground fire. As soon as the rockets are away, the Meteor pulls steeply out of its dive to avoid, as one pilot put it, "ending up with the rockets". The operation requires split-

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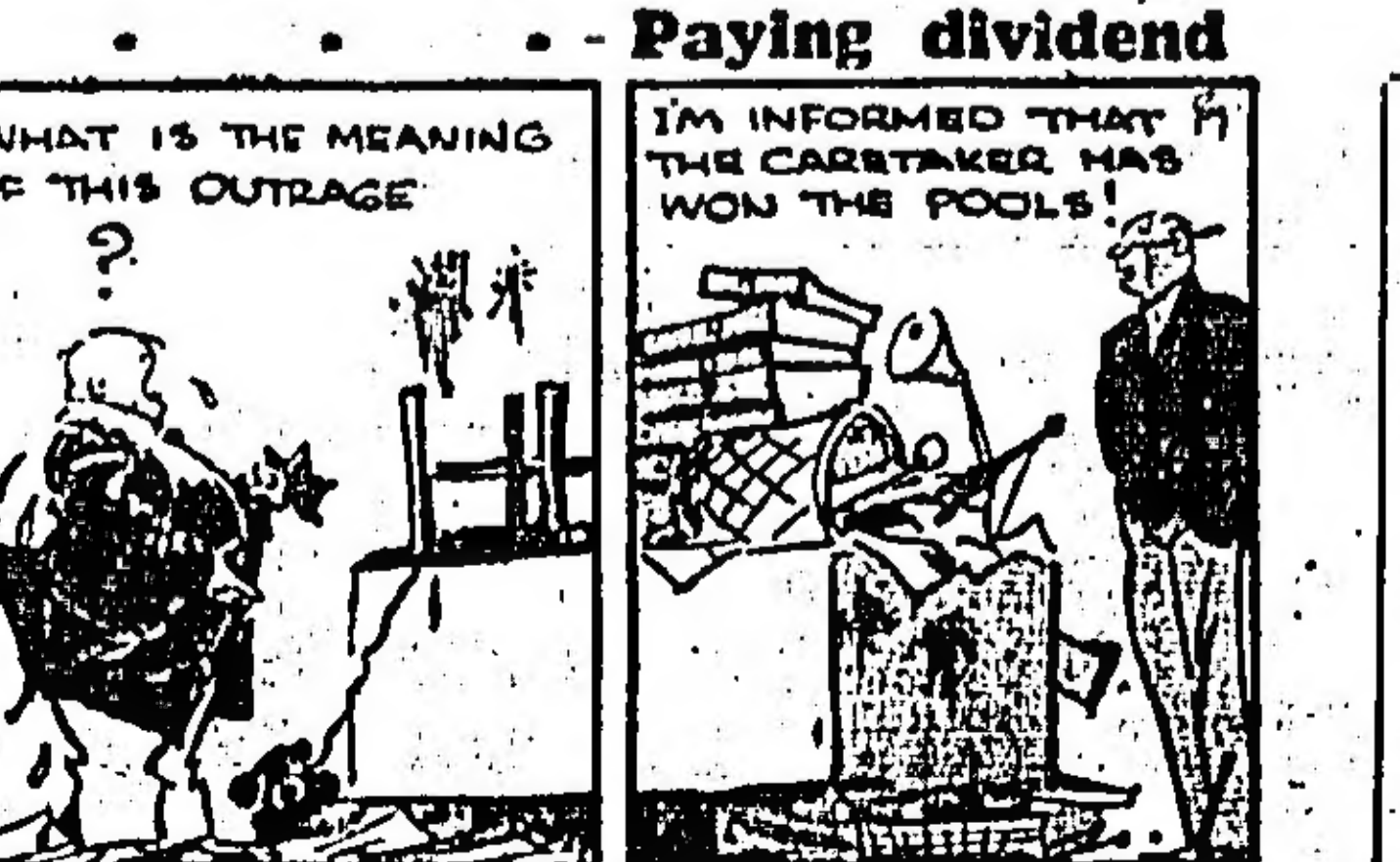
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Fate Of Japanese Assets

Discussions Open In London

London, Mar. 4. The fate of Japanese assets abroad, estimated at more than £5,000,000, will be discussed by representatives of 13 countries who met here today.

These assets, mostly in Bern, Switzerland, are at present "frozen" because the Allies in World War II—Britain, the United States, Russia and China—have not released them.

Russia did not sign the San Francisco Peace Treaty with Japan on September 8, 1951 which came into effect on April 28, 1952, and under Article 16 of which Japan agreed to transfer Japanese assets in neutral or enemy countries, or their equivalent, to the International Committee of the Red Cross for liquidation and subsequent distribution of the resultant fund to appropriate national agencies.

Certain assets, described in Article 14 of the Treaty, and assets of Japanese not living in Japan when the Treaty came into force, are excepted from the transfer.

In addition, the transfer provision of Article 16 does not apply to the 19,770 shares in the Bank for International Settlements that were owned by Japanese financial institutions when the Treaty was signed.

FACT-FINDING
Officers of the International Red Cross will confer for two or three days, it is expected, with representatives of Britain, the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Pakistan, France, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Indonesia, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam.

The discussions are being presided over by Mr. John Pletcher, head of the Japan and Pacific Department of the British Foreign Office.

A British official spokesman said today that the talks are of a fact-finding nature and that their conclusions would be referred back to the Governments concerned.

Japan agreed at San Francisco that the assets should be used for the benefit of former prisoners of war and their families.

—Reuter.

OVER-FISHING MENACE

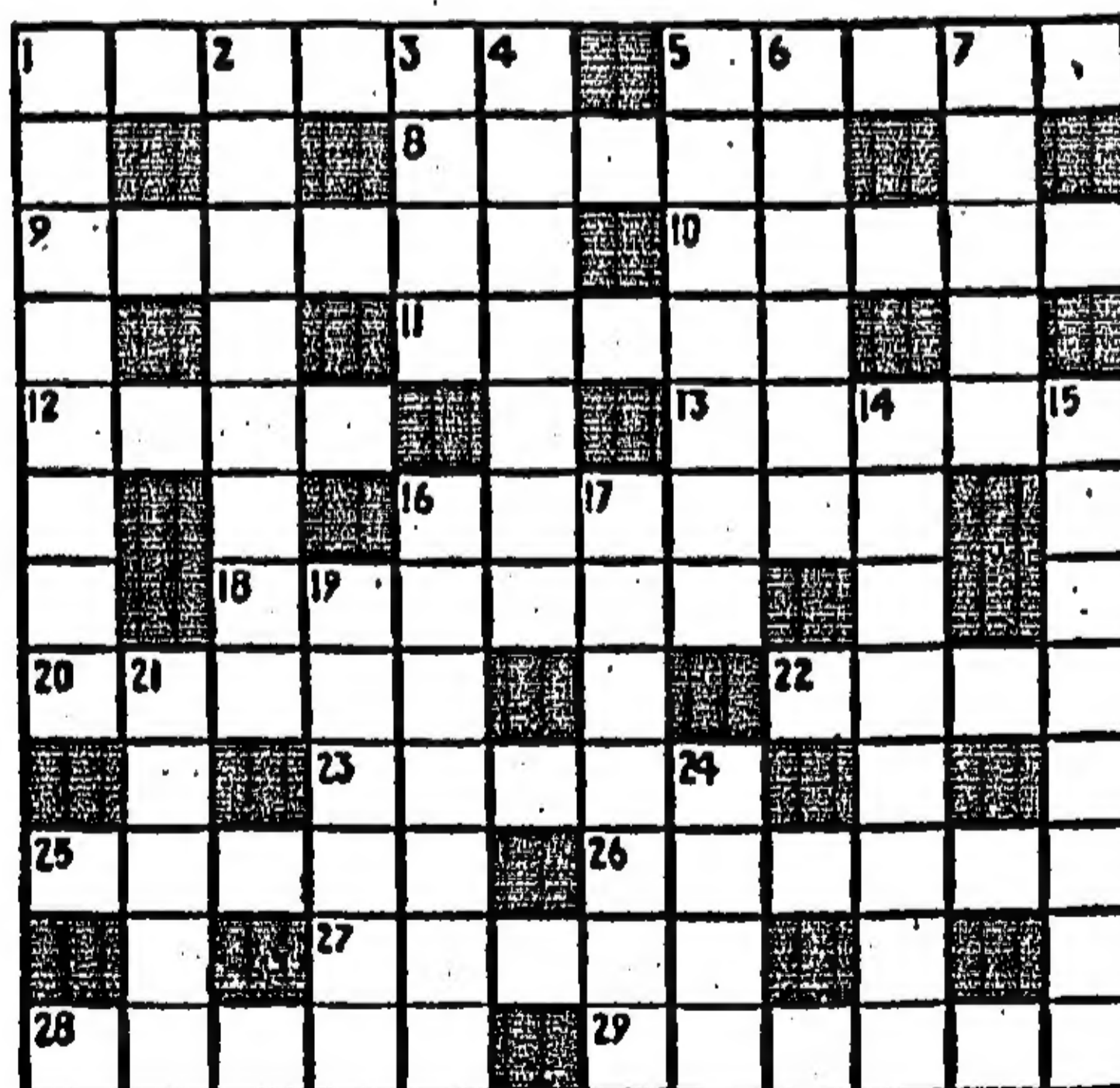
London, Mar. 4. Twelve countries began talks here today on plans to prevent future over-fishing in Atlantic and Arctic waters.

The conference, first full meeting of the 1946 International Over-fishing Convention, will seek to set up a permanent commission to consider conservation measures.

Countries taking part are: Britain, Belgium, Denmark, France, Iceland, Eire, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Go back to (6).
5 Carrying-chair (5).
8 Equipped for battle (5).
9 Basque game (6).
10 Recess (5).
11 Small fish (6).
12 Tab (4).
13 Proposal of health (5).
16 Haunt (6).
18 Chief (6).
20 Coffin (5).
22 Drug (4).
23 Quiet (5).
25 Furlong (6).
26 Deserved (6).
27 Period (6).
28 Board game (5).
29 Person with endurance (6).

Renewal Of Red Attacks In Korea?

ALEXANDER'S REVIEW

London, Mar. 4. Field-Marshal Earl Alexander, the Defence Minister, predicted today that the Communists might quite possibly resume their powerful limited objective attacks in Korea soon after only small-scale fighting since the Autumn.

Field-Marshal Alexander, who once commanded the present Korean Commander, General Mark Clark, in Italy during World War II, was making one of his periodic reports on the Korean war in the House of Lords.

Low Marks Hurt Their Prospects

Tokyo, Mar. 4. The Kasugabe Girls' College in Saitama prefecture near Tokyo announced today it would stop giving marks on examination results to its graduates as from this Spring.

School authorities said the girls were mostly from local farmers' families, and low school marks would badly influence their chances of marriage.

—Reuter.

BRITAIN BEATEN BY PRICE SLASH

London, Mar. 4. A machine made by a West of England firm was quoted for a contract at £21,000. A German firm's tender was £3,400 less.

The English company modified the machine and reduced the price to £19,000. An Italian concern asked £9,500 less and got the contract.

These examples of undercutting were given at Bristol by Mr. A. W. Grant, an engineering company chief. The practice, he said, was causing much of Britain's export troubles.

"If we are to improve our position," he said, "we must increase our superiority over other nations in the use of energy and skill."

"There can be no dodging the fact that a great deal could be achieved by harder work" both by workers and managements," Mr. Grant gave this warning.

"Unless the present trend in exports can be halted widespread unemployment within the next 12 months is certain."

Lord Alexander said that since the Autumn enemy attacks had never developed beyond battalion strength and that their exceptionally heavy rate of artillery fire had dropped.

He said, "The lower rate of firing means that the enemy has probably been able to build up reserves of ammunition."

"Thus it is quite possible that they will resume their powerful attacks against limited objectives before long."

"There is no sign that a major offensive is impending but as I have said before it always is possible for the enemy to launch one with little warning."

"Nevertheless, I have every confidence that the United Nations forces would be able to prevent a major breakthrough."

NEW DIVISIONS

Lord Alexander also made these points:

1.—United Nations forces have been strengthened by formations of two more South Korean divisions and many other South Koreans are being trained so that other divisions can be formed when there is equipment.

2.—About two-thirds of the line, in fact, is now held by South Koreans.

3.—The major achievements of the United Nations Air Forces have been to drive Communist planes off North Korean bases back to the sanctuary of Manchuria and to have restricted the enemy supply rate to a level believed to be inadequate to maintain a sustained large-scale offensive.

4.—A number of twin jet light bombers have made their appearance on the Communist side but have not been used operationally.

This plane is a straight-wing type reported to be capable of speeds around 600 miles an hour and powered by two Russian copies of the British Rolls-Royce Nene engine.

—United Press.

NEW SWISS EXPEDITION IN NEPAL

Zurich, Mar. 4. A new Swiss Himalaya expedition is setting out this month on an attempt to conquer Mount Dhaulagiri in Nepal, the world's seventh-highest peak.

The expedition will be smaller and less ambitious than last year's Swiss attempt to climb Mount Everest. But Dhaulagiri, with its 28,000 feet, is higher than any peak hitherto known to have been climbed by man.

The Zurich University Alpine Club, which is organising the Dhaulagiri climb, estimates the total costs, including equipment and transport, at only 75,000 francs. The six climbers will be led by Bernhard Luterburg, who was head of a successful Swiss expedition to the Peruvian Andes in 1948. The group will also include Andre Roch, veteran of three earlier Himalaya expeditions and one of Switzerland's foremost snow and avalanche experts.

Dhaulagiri was the first target of the French Himalaya expedition which climbed 26,500-foot Annapurna in 1950. The French climbers attacked Annapurna after being defeated by the neighbouring Dhaulagiri and at present hold the world record for the highest conquered peak, Annapurna.

The Dhaulagiri-Annapurna massif is located in Central Nepal. Unlike most of the highest Himalayan peaks in Nepal, it does not form part of the border with Communist-controlled Tibet and can thus be approached from all sides by climbers from countries west of the Iron Curtain. The approach to the massif will take the Swiss expedition up the almost entirely unexplored Valley of the Sacred River Kali, overshadowed by 25,000-foot-high peaks on both sides.

The final assault on Dhaulagiri is due in mid-June. On their way towards the mountain, the climbers plan to undertake a detailed scientific study of the topography and plant and animal life of the Kali Valley.

—Associated Press.

Ancient Order Conferred



Senora Carmen Franco Pota, Marchioness of Villaverde, daughter of General Franco, was invested with the Order of the Holy Sepulchre—one of the oldest Orders in Spain—at the Franciscan Church. She is seen here with, on her right, Carmen Aparicio, who was also invested. —Express Photo.

Chinese Troops In Burma Give U.S. A Problem

Rangoon, Mar. 4. The presence of Chinese Nationalist forces in Burma is providing the United States with a new diplomatic headache.

The activities of these Nationalist troops are also creating tension between Burma and Thailand.

U.S. and Burmese officials have estimated the Nationalists in Burma at between 5,000 and 10,000. The original Nationalists in Burma were those chased out of China by the Communists.

For a long time these Nationalist troops—or KMTs as they are called in Burma—were satisfied with little and did not cause much trouble. They lived off the rich countryside. Everybody more or less agreed that they were "refugees."

The Burmese now claim that these Nationalists are controlled from Taipei and have a specific mission—eventual return to China. The Burmese claim that the KMTs are being reinforced and supplied from Formosa.

These reinforced and resupplied KMTs are causing increasing trouble in Burma according to Burmese officials. They suggest privately that the United States is supporting the KMTs and encouraging their activities.

The activities of the KMTs supposedly include smuggling opium out of Burma into Thailand. Burma has accused Thailand of selling supplies to the KMTs and with permitting fresh troops and equipment to cross Thailand en route from Formosa to Burma.

U.S. DENIAL
United States officials deny any connection with the KMTs. Thailand denies supplying the KMTs and says that no KMT reinforcements have been permitted to cross Thailand.

Much of Burma's concern about the KMTs comes from the fear that Communist Chinese forces may cross over into Burma after the former Nationalist troops. Burma is worried about Communist China's intentions and does not want to stir up trouble.

Burmese army officials told the United Press that in recent weeks there had been evidence that the KMTs had sometimes joined forces with local insurgent groups. The Burmese army has pictured of what it says are dead KMTs.

The KMT issue is one of the biggest and hottest in Burma today. Both civilian and military officials are supplying the local press with numerous news items daily. Most of these official releases, however, are not published as such. They appear in the Burmese Press as "reports from travellers" or as coming from other private sources.

Burmese Government officials have rejected a suggestion that the KMTs in Burma actually may be Communist troops posing as Nationalist refugees as a means for infiltrating Burma.

—United Press.

Britain Lines Up With Soviet

Geneva, Mar. 4. A Czechoslovak, backed by Russia and Britain but opposed by the United States and Yugoslavia, was today elected Chairman of the United Nations Economic Commission for 1953.

The American and Yugoslav delegations protested that the election of M. Joseph Ullrich, chief delegate of Czechoslovakia and former Ambassador to Britain, would not further the Commission's work.

M. Ullrich, who was finally declared Chairman without a vote, was nominated by the Soviet delegation and seconded by the Marquess of Reading for Britain.

M. Amazaff Arutunian, the Soviet delegate, told the Commission that the Soviet favoured co-operation in trade between East and West in spite of the difference in political structure.

—Reuter.

PATTERN OF TRADE IN FAR EAST TO BE CHANGED?

Manila, Mar. 4. The conference sponsored by the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) closed here today with a forecast of a change in the "old pattern" of trade between this region and the West.

The forecast was made by Mr Cornelio Balmaceda, Philippines Commerce Minister and Chairman of the conference, who said the change was "inevitable."

Delegates from 36 countries, including Britain, Russia and the United States, wound up the 10-day session by approving the conference and committee recommendations of increasing trade.

Mr Balmaceda said it was up to each country or government to follow up and implement the suggestions made at the conference.

The elimination of the root causes of poverty, social unrest and economic security must be regarded as the prime need of the "poorer" part of the world's population, he said.

Mr Balmaceda said in his closing address that observations that he had made at the conference included:

1. A domination note of confidence and optimism in reports from many countries on the General Economic situation.

2. The income levels of producers must be improved and stabilised.

STUMBLING BLOCK

3. The flow of equipment and capital goods into the under-developed countries was increasing, despite the overriding needs of defence.

4. One great stumbling block to the free flow of world trade was the extensive use of "inconvertible" currencies and general shortage of "convertible" currencies.

5. Cooperation and a constant exchange of business information among nations was the most effective base for foreign trade promotion.

Mr Balmaceda denied that nothing concrete or practical had been accomplished at the conference. Rumours to this effect stemmed from a misconception of ECAFE.

It was not the task of the organisation to execute the measures agreed on. It was a

basic rule in United Nations agencies that no action affecting any country could be taken without the agreement of that country's government. —Reuter.

USSR-MALAYA TRADE

London, Mar. 4. Russia's biggest export to Malaya last year—despite promises of industrial aid to Southeast Asia—was four hundred-weight of caviare, the Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, told the House of Commons today.

"These figures," he added, "show clearly that Soviet armaments of industrial aid have come to nothing, despite the willingness of the Malayan Government to grant import licences for Russian capital goods if any had been forthcoming at competitive prices."

A Labour Member, Mr Woodrow Wyatt, had asked for the reciprocal trade figures between the USSR and Malaya since the Russian promise of industrial aid to Southeast Asia, made at the United Nations Economic Conference at Singapore 18 months ago.

Mr Lyttelton said Malayan exports to Russia in 1951 and 1952, almost entirely of rubber, totalled £8,600,000 and £3,300,000, respectively.

HIGHEST ITEM

In 1952 the biggest single item sent from the Soviet Union to Malaya was 400 lbs. of caviare valued at £1,725.

Mr Wyatt asked: "Is it not a fact that the caviare is the only product the Russians have offered to any country in Southeast Asia since their flamboyant promises 18 months ago?"

Mr Lyttelton replied: "You are getting wide of my responsibility." —Reuter.

Queen Mary Better

London, Mar. 4. Ailing Queen Mary spent a more comfortable day and tonight her condition showed a slight improvement.

The 85-year-old grandmother of Queen Elizabeth II is suffering from a recurrence of gastric trouble. She has been ill for more than a week.

Marlborough House, her residence, said Queen Mary was visited this evening by her physician, Sir Horace Evans. —Associated Press.

Britain's Cotton Men Are Puzzled

London, Mar. 4. Five hundred cotton chiefs, departmental heads, and trade union officials are divided on the question of the double-shift system for industry.

They have been in session for three days at St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancashire.

Sir Raymond Sreat, chairman of the Cotton Board, who wound up the conference, called specially to discuss the double-shift problem, said that although the system would not solve all the industry's problems it would be a step in the right direction.

Mr W. T. Winterbottom, president of the Yarn Spinners' Association, said that double-shift working was inevitable, but some of the delegates objected that it would affect the social lives of operatives.

When one delegate suggested that school hours in Lancashire should be changed to make the two-shift system work, another delegate said he did not think it was too far-fetched and went so far as to say that schoolteachers should work two shifts to ease the shortage of staff and justify their long holidays.

Sir Walter Monckton, Minister of Labour, attended the discussions.

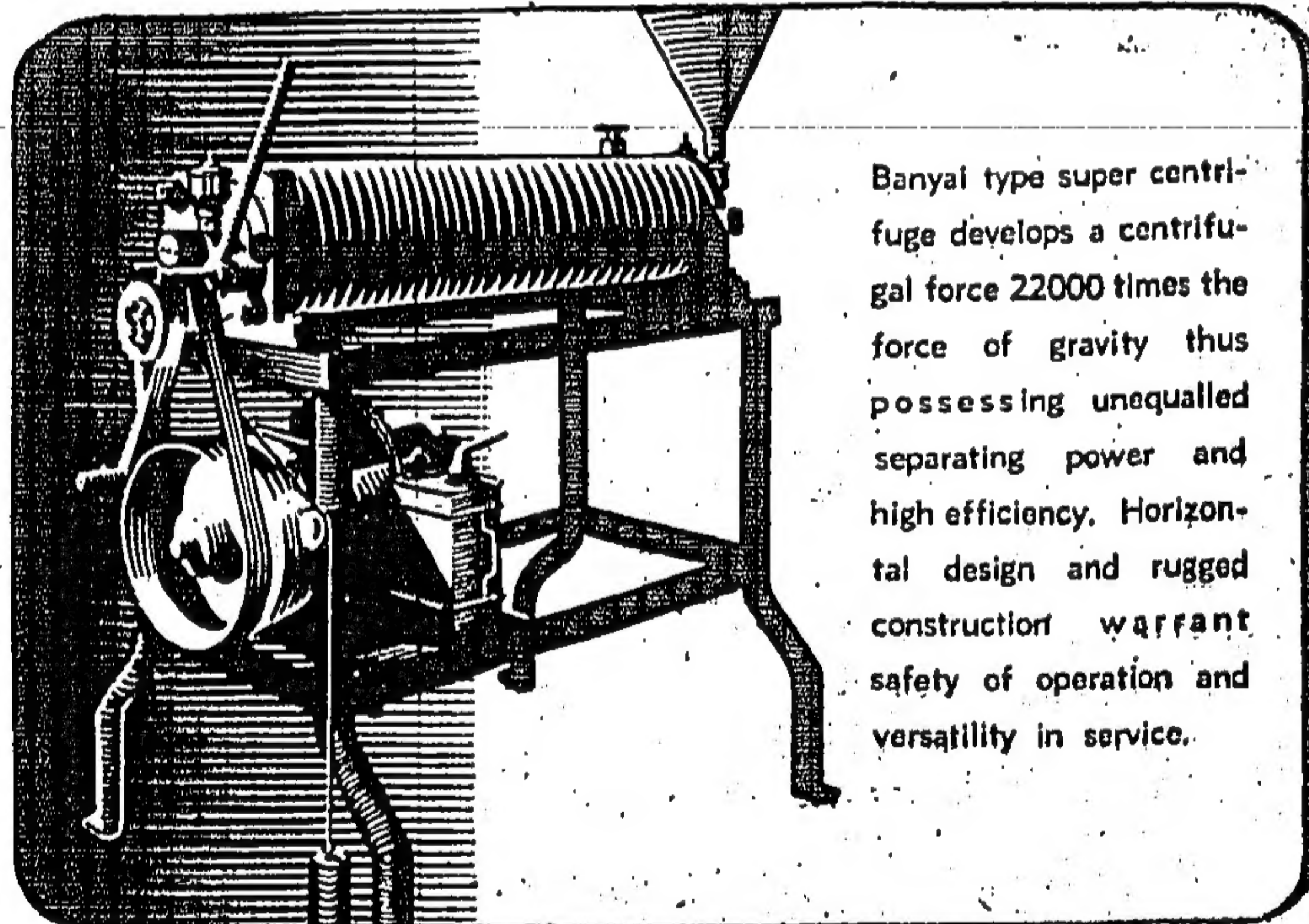
Tokyo Gripped By Measles Epidemic

Tokyo, Mar. 4. Public health officials said today that a measles epidemic is sweeping the city.

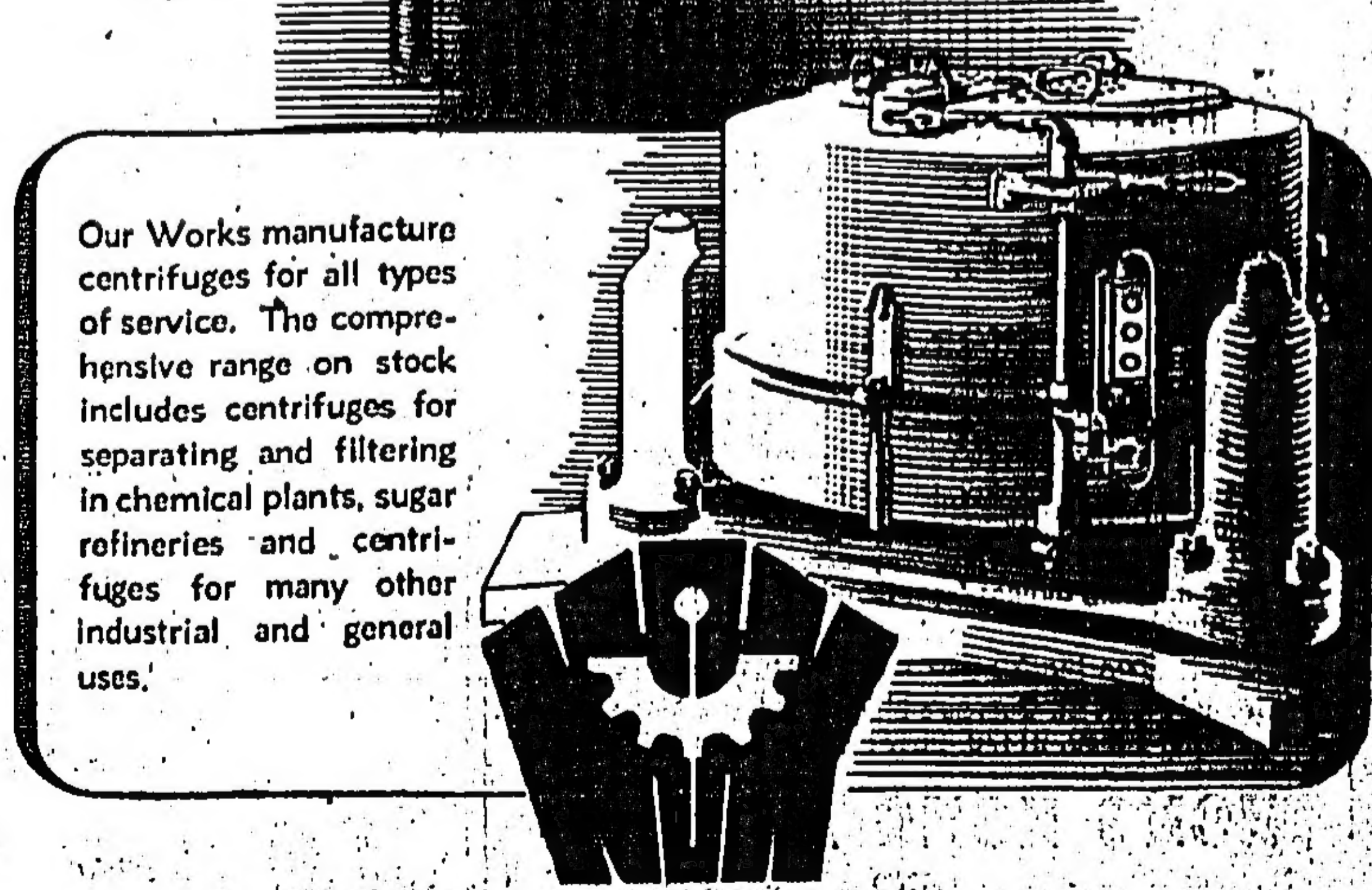
They said 1,350 persons are ill with the disease with 60 deaths recorded so far.

Health authorities expect the number of persons affected by the disease to reach 800,000 before the epidemic subsides.

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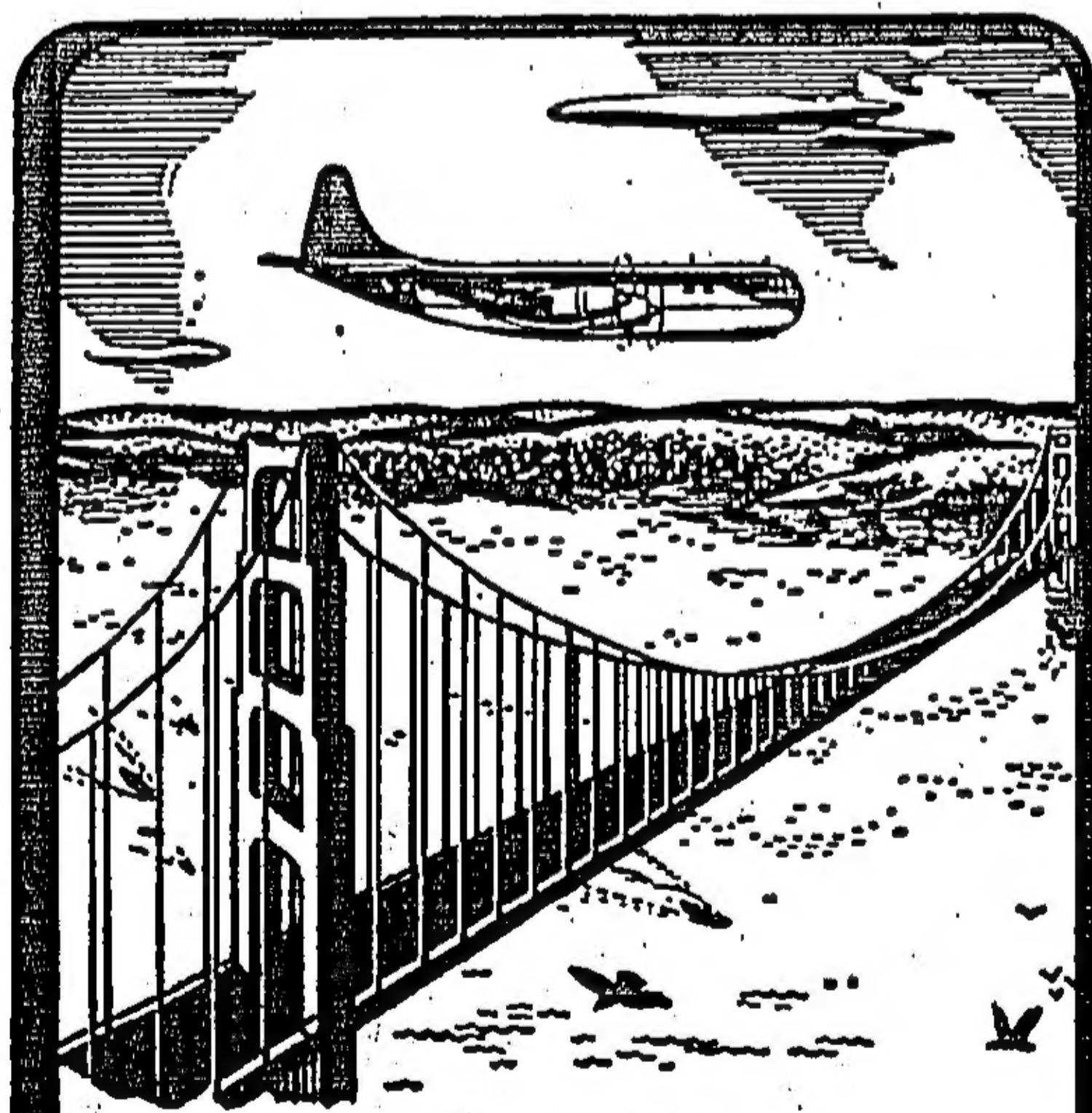
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The sun shone on the British for a minute or two recently.

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Russia Preaches Peace But Expands War Bases

London.

MOSCOW has already
matched President
Eisenhower's decision
to appoint a
director of psychological
warfare. Indeed the Soviet
Government, which directed
the press and radio to stop
calling Mr Churchill a war-
monger the day he returned
to office, has done little else
than attack the Eisenhower
Administration since the
day of the Presidential
election.

The Russian doctors
"plot" is, of course, the
product of many converging
needs. The chief among
them is the desire of the
Army leaders to gather in-
fluence at present held by
the Secret Police. But
alongside the purge, with
its elaborate evolution of
fresh argument and new
charges, there goes a notice-
able intensification of ter-
ror propaganda to intimi-
date the Soviet people.

One respected commenta-
tor on Radio Moscow, M.
Inozomisev, has recently
been brought to the micro-
phone specifically to de-
signate the United States
as the centre of the world's
counter-revolutionary pre-
parations. Other speakers—
all of them censored—have
been accusing the United
States Government of de-
liberately conditioning their
people for an aggressive
war.

PROPAGANDA

ONE radio commentator
who is particularly
respected among Russian
listeners, M. Shrygin, has
been picking out examples
of what he calls official Gov-
ernment propaganda in the
United States promising the
American people that, of
course, they themselves
will be spared heavy losses
"next time."

On the other hand broad-
cast propaganda, destined
not for Russian listeners but
for foreign countries, has
been working to a contrary
directive. Expert analysis
shows that foreign listeners
to those of Moscow Radio's

broadcasts which are
intended for foreign con-
sumption are being warned
not of an imminent aggres-
sive war by the United
States, but of the outbreak
of peace and conciliation.
This, of course, is a well-
wrapped parcel.

The story destined for
foreigners runs this way:
The power of the USSR,
together with that of the
"democratic camp," to say
nothing of the supporting
"Peace Movement" in the
capitalist countries, and the
"national liberation move-
ments" in the colonial areas
on which Western capitalism
depends for its raw
materials, all combine to
restrain the dogs of war.

PROGRAMME

INDEED, says Moscow, the
American people them-
selves, to say nothing of
anti-American feelings in
Western Europe, will all
combine to enforce the
popular wish for peace.

The facts, viewed objec-
tively, are quite different. A
programme for expanding
air bases in Russia and East
Europe, comparable with
the "infrastructure" system
of NATO, is all but realised.
Latest intelligence reports
in London, taken together,
suggest that a whole system
of air bases in Northern
Siberia, the Arctic Islands
north of Russia, and in
Sakhalin, in the Pacific, has
now been finished.

These are designed primarily,
the reports suggest, to match,<
if not to beat, the power located
at Canadian and United States
bases on Canadian and Green-
land territory. Soviet bombers
are now stationed on the sub-
Arctic island of Nova Zemlya, and
at least two squadrons have
been identified there. Canadian
and American aircraft, patrol-
ling the polar regions, have
sighted Soviet planes on patrol
too.

Norwegian reports, reaching
London, have put the number
of airfields in the Murmansk
area at 80—a substantial in-
crease. Five of these are within

30 miles of the Norwegian
frontier.

The establishment of this
network of airfields has had re-
percussions in the Balkans,
whence labourers have been
switched to the Arctic or sub-
Arctic bases.

Of comparable interest is the
current expansion of the
Russian aircraft industry. No
less than thirty heavy forging
presses, according to latest in-
formation, have been installed
in the past year in aircraft
factories at Komsomolsk,
Leningrad, Kiev, Kuibyshev,
Irkutsk, Krasnoyarsk, Voroshilov,
Tomsk and Khabarovsk. These
presses, which stamp out whole
sections of airframe, enable a
great increase in output by
eliminating a multitude of small,
delicate, but single operations.

CHARLES FOLEY FINDS A BIT OF ENGLAND IN FORMOSA

MR LARKY AND MR X KEEP THE FLAG FLYING

Taipei, Formosa.

I FOUND an English
garden in the heart of
Formosa. And there,
streaming in the Pacific
breeze, was a big Union
Jack. This is the garden
of the British Consul on
Chiang Kai-shek's island.
A silver tea-set gleamed in
his drawing room.

And the Consul, Mr
Jacobs-Larkcom, was eat-
ing lettuce sandwiches.

The odd thing about it is
that Mr Jacobs-Larkcom can
have no official contact with
Chiang's Government. So what
is he doing on Formosa?

Well, Formosa is a province
of China. Everybody agrees
about that. The fact that the
provincial governor, Mr K. C.
Wu, is a Nationalist under
Government Britain does not
recognise has not worried Mr
Jacobs-Larkcom at all.

And, of course, the fact that
Mr Wu plays a double role as
Chiang's Cabinet adviser is
outside Mr Jacobs-Larkcom's
official knowledge.

This elaborate pretence is
regarded as natural in Formosa.
And where do you suppose
Commander X, our Services
Attaché, is working on this

island that Britain will have no
part of?

He and his staff work up
rickety stairs leading to the
office of Chiang's Government
spokesman in the main square
of the capital, Taipei.

On the door is a placard
"Royal Naval Office."
When a British ship is inter-
cepted and boarded on its way
to Red China, this is what
happens.

Mr Jacobs-Larkcom ("Larky")
to his vice-consul telephones
Commander X.

Commander X, who is never
seen in uniform, has many
friends among Chiang's naval
officers. If a Nationalist war-
ship is responsible for the
boarding they are usually proud
of it.

Orderly

Commander X reports back
to Larky. He drives round to
see his old friend Mr Wu. Next
day Mr Eden can tell the House
that her Majesty's Government
has made a vigorous protest.
Altogether, apart from the
American Embassy establish-
ment, which runs hundreds
of British as big a mission on
the island as any other nation.
Formosa is the most orderly,
the most peaceful, and the
most prosperous area in South-
East Asia. Most of the progress
is due to the Americans.

Looking at this picture, and
driving through the city, it is
cheerful to see that the
sometimes easy to forget that
an ideological war is raging
over our heads.

The arcaded streets are hung
at night with gold and crimson
lanterns. Here, American
cluster round a brazier and
tear to cook shavings of raw
beef with chopsticks.

There are last week's New
York magazines, the teachings
of Confucius and the collected
speeches, marked down, of
President Chiang Kai-shek.

Yes, in Formosa even the
generalissimo has been "pro-
cessed" as the Americans say,
into the semblance of a consti-
tutional Head of State.

True, there are some emer-
gency powers, but the facade of
democratic government has
been neatly fitted over the
reality of the single-party
State.

It is said that Chiang is a
reformed character, a Cromwell
who has sloughed off the cor-
ruption of the mainland.

Puritan reaction has been
carried to such lengths that Mr
George Yeh, the Foreign Minis-
ter, assured me that his spend-
ing allowance is less than one-
half of the average earned by
the bicycle-rickshaw boys.

George Yeh is an old friend
of England—did he not present
the panda Ming to the London
Zoo?

Meanwhile, the war goes on.
Not the war the world has been
keyed up to expect, but the war
of the island-hopping by Chiang's
men, who have quite a screen
of stepping-stones right up
against the mainland.

Showpiece

The showpiece among these
is the island of Quemoy, which
challenges the whole might of
Red China from a couple of
miles away.

"It is a small, bare patch of
stony land, shaped like a dumb-
bell," according to Mrs Carl
Rankin.

She is the spirited wife of
the American Ambassador—
designated and she has yielded
the island with a group of
Chinese ladies taking cheer to
the troops.

Over lunch, Mrs Rankin
told me: "I expected to find
men living in tents or holes in
the ground. Not a bit of it.
They have built comfortable
barracks and a big hall in
which they entertained us."
Some of the Chinese ladies
returned with English capers
they had bought.
"Pleasant of the pirates," Mr
Eden?

★ DON IDDON'S DIARY ★ Chicago No Longer Hates The British

Chicago, Tuesday.
THE wind off Lake
Michigan was bleak
and bitter when I ar-
rived in Chicago, but the
hospitality was warm.

Every time I get a chance
I visit this city. It is a
husky giant of a town,
surging with energy and
life, a rampaging, roister-
ing place of big muscles, big
money, big business, and
big achievement. It is more
representative of America
than any other city in its
cockiness and vigour, its
high power and high pres-
sure.

Chicago has the reputation of
being rather critical of the
British and has been called the
cittadel of isolationism, but the
anti-British and isolationist
days are now as dead as Big
Bill Thompson.

From Bath

ERNEST Byfield, junior, whose
father made the Pump Room
internationally famous as the
meeting place for celebrities,
met me and whisked me along
the gold coast. It is Mr Byfield's
view that there is now no more
pro-British town on earth than
Chicago, unless it is London,
England.

It seems there is consider-
able excitement here over the
forthcoming visit of the Mayor
of Bath, England—Mr Alleyne

Berry—who is due here next
month.

Mr Berry is trying to interest
Chicago in Bath and is succeed-
ing. There are to be travel dis-
plays in the store windows
urging Chicagoans to visit Bath.
There is to be a formal opening
of the new Bath Room at the
Ambassador East Hotel.
New links are being forged
between the old English water-
ing place and the glittering
ultra-modern American drinking
place. I had never stayed in
this part of Chicago before and
was hardly prepared for a
Beau Nash Room, the Sarah
Siddons Walk, the Buttery,
and the Parade.

Mayor Berry is going to be
treated like a visiting potentate,
which is good business for
Britain and particularly for
Bath.

As young Mr Byfield said:
"You could hardly come across
more pre-British feeling than
this." I said: "Of course, you
all have Colonel McCormick
and his Chicago Tribune."

I had the impression on read-
ing the famous paper, which is
the bible of the Middle West,
that possibly the colonel or his
leader writers have mellowed.
There are, of course, the usual
coloured cartoons on the front
page showing a bedraggled John
Bull trying to put the squeeze
on Uncle Sam for more money,
but they have little impact.

Other 'hates'

AT the moment the colonel's
Tribune seems rather pre-
occupied with trousers or pants.
Headlines proclaim: "Aldrich
vows he'll not wear knee
breaches," "Conant, clad in
striped pants, calls on Heuss."

There is something about
striped trousers and about
breaches (despite Beau Nash)
which raises the hackles
of Chicagoans.

"We are down-to-earth people
here—can't abide fuss and
Fancy Dances," said my waiter,
and then, surprisingly, quoted
Carl Sandburg's description of
Chicago: "The stormy, husky,
brawling city of the big
shoulders."

I will not quarrel with the
description, although I think
there is too much emphasis
sometimes on the roughness and
the toughness.

This is a beautiful city and
I know of few more breath-
taking sights than the view
from the lake shore and outer
drives around five on a winter
evening.

But I am not here to croon
lullabies—I came to Chicago,
the Colossus of America's heart-
land, to see how the city and
its people were feeling about
the new Eisenhower Adminis-
tration.

They are feeling fine. Over
and over I've been told: "Eisen-
hower is going to make a great
President. He's started right
and he will run things right.
He'll clean up the mess in
Washington."

Chicagoans are very much
aware of the mess in Washing-
ton, because they have quite a
mess in Chicago itself—a mess
which defies cleaning.

The city's finances, like those
of New York, are in a bad way
due to incompetence, and the
reform movement never seems
to get moving.

I told people I wouldn't write
much about crime and gangs-
ters, because Chicagoans are
tired of having their city
described as a hangout for
hoodlums, but the gangs are
still here. They have neither
power nor the blood-thirstiness
of the old Al Capone mob, but
they still wield large influence
and they still carry guns.

While I have been here 200
Chicago saloons or pubs stopped
buying and selling Budweiser
Beer because they were told by
the mobsters that there would
be trouble if they did. The
Anheuser Busch Company,
which brews Budweiser, was
told to pay off the mob, or lose its
Chicago market.

Still at it

THE surprising and chilling
fact is that Anheuser Busch
did not bring the complaint to
the authorities or police—the
company said it would handle
the matter on its own.
The matter has been handled.
Budweiser Beer is being sold
again.

I said to a local reporter:
"Does this sort of terrorism
happen often?" And he said:
"Too often."

The thugs are still in business
in Chicago and, from what I
hear, likely to remain so for a
long time.

But my local reporter says:
"It's all a question of emphasis.
For every crook there are a
thousand, maybe ten thousand,
honest men. Why don't you
write about our museums and
music and cultural centres?
The gangs are our business,
anyway."

So I will say nothing more
about Capone and company.
The casual visitor never comes
into contact with them. A
friend of mine, Richard Greene,
the actor, who is appearing
here in the play "Dial M for
Murder," and who has been
taking me around a little, said:
"I've been here for weeks.
Chicago's a wonderful place.
You read about trouble, but
never see it."

I agree. I am a Chicago-
booster myself and particularly
as the city becomes more and
more internationally minded.

Tariffs, taxes

MR HENRY FORD'S speech
calling for the cancellation
of all tariffs, including the ten
per cent on the import of
foreign cars, is still echoing
through the canyons of Chicago.
The liberal Chicago Sun and
Times, run by Britain's good
friend the Marshall Field's,
is crusading for bigger and better
tariffs and maybe some aid as
well.

There is enthusiasm for tear-
ing the tariffs down. There is
also enthusiasm for tearing
the taxes down. I have heard
more here about the need for
cutting income-tax than in New
York City.



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Opening Lead Ideas
Opens Some Talk

NORTH		18
♠	A J 10 7	
♥	K J 7	
♦	J 10	
♣	Q 10 8 5	
WEST		
♠	5 2	
♥	A 8 4 3	
♦	5 3	
♣	6 3 2	
EAST		
♠	K 4 3	
♥	Q 10 6 5 2	
♦	7 4 2	
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SOUTH (D)		
♠	Q 9 8	
♥	A K Q 9 8	
♦	A K J 9	
♣		
North-South vul.		
♠	Pass	1 ♠
♥	Pass	5 ♠
♦	Pass	5 ♠
♣	Pass	5 ♠
Opening lead—♠ 6		

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's slam hand was played, quite a discussion arose about the best opening lead and about how the hand should be played. Declarer had an answer for two of the three suggestions.

West actually opened the six of spades, and declarer very properly put up dummy's ace at once. He then drew three rounds of trumps, and ran all five diamonds in order to discard the three hearts from dummy. Now he could afford to lead the queen of spades and give up a trick to East's king. Dummy could then win the rest of the tricks with good spades and a trump.

After the hand had been played, West was full of regret over his opening lead. "If I had led the ace of hearts," he said, "I could have made the slam."

South thought this over for a moment and then found an answer. "If you take the ace of hearts and then lead a spade," he pointed out, "I can put up the ace of spades, draw trumps, and run the diamonds to discard three spades from the dummy."

"That leaves me in position to ruff one spade in dummy and discard my other spade on the king of hearts," this silenced West for a moment, but he returned to the attack. "How would you play the hand," he demanded, "if I opened a low heart?"

"If you were smart enough to open a low heart away from your ace," South replied modestly, "I'd be smart enough to play the king from the dummy."

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 Spades Pass 3 Spades Pass
You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-J-10 Hearts A-K-Q-J-10 Diamonds K-Q-3 Clubs 3-2. What do you do?

A—With three hearts. Once again we have a hand that was too strong for an immediate raise from one heart to two hearts, but not strong enough for a jump raise to three hearts. In order to show your strength, you bid a side suit first and raise the hearts next.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-Q-J-10 Hearts A-K-Q-J-10 Diamonds K-Q-3 Clubs 3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

Intelligence Test—
AUNT JOBISKA
By T. O. HARE

"Help yourselves to the cakes," Aunt Jobiska said to her nephews.
"Can we really?" said Ronald.
"Certainly," said Aunt Jobiska. "But there's a catch in it. There will be a cash distribution, too. I propose to give each of you two pence in respect of every cake eaten by him. The smallest cash bonus was that earned by Ronald. Aunt Jobiska paid out 3d. How many cakes did Ronald eat?"

(Solution on Page 10)

Chess Problem
By F. H. SINGER
Black, 4 pieces

White, 4 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kt-Q7, any; 2. Q-R, B or K; 3. Kt-R6, any; 4. Kt-R7, any; 5. Kt-R8, any; 6. Kt-R9, any; 7. Kt-R10, any; 8. Kt-R11, any; 9. Kt-R12, any; 10. Kt-R13, any; 11. Kt-R14, any; 12. Kt-R15, any; 13. Kt-R16, any; 14. Kt-R17, any; 15. Kt-R18, any; 16. Kt-R19, any; 17. Kt-R20, any; 18. Kt-R21, any; 19. Kt-R22, any; 20. Kt-R23, any; 21. Kt-R24, any; 22. Kt-R25, any; 23. Kt-R26, any; 24. Kt-R27, any; 25. Kt-R28, any; 26. Kt-R29, any; 27. Kt-R30, any; 28. Kt-R31, any; 29. Kt-R32, any; 30. Kt-R33, any; 31. Kt-R34, any; 32. Kt-R35, any; 33. Kt-R36, any; 34. Kt-R37, any; 35. Kt-R38, any; 36. Kt-R39, any; 37. Kt-R40, any; 38. Kt-R41, any; 39. Kt-R42, any; 40. Kt-R43, any; 41. Kt-R44, any; 42. Kt-R45, any; 43. Kt-R46, any; 44. Kt-R47, any; 45. Kt-R48, any; 46. Kt-R49, any; 47. Kt-R50, any; 48. Kt-R51, any; 49. Kt-R52, any; 50. Kt-R53, any; 51. Kt-R54, any; 52. Kt-R55, any; 53. Kt-R56, any; 54. Kt-R57, any; 55. Kt-R58, any; 56. Kt-R59, any; 57. Kt-R60, any; 58. Kt-R61, any; 59. Kt-R62, any; 60. 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Yesterday's Athletics

Army Championships Turn Up A Man To Chase Stephen Xavier

JENNIFER CLEARS ANOTHER EIGHTH OF AN INCH

By "RECORDER"

The heats of the Army Championships at Boundary Street yesterday turned up the fastest Army furlong in this Colony in many years. Sgt. Dockree of the Royal Norfolk Regiment won his heat in 23.2 seconds around the two bends which Stephen Xavier recently negotiated in a remarkable 22.9, while L/Cpl. Crane of the Dorset Regiment, former Champion of the British Army in Austria, won another heat in 23.5 seconds — third best ever at Boundary Street.

Such sprinting has not been seen from the Army here in several decades. The post-war Army record topped by no less than eight-tenths of a second.

The Royal Norfolk also turned up another of the day's big surprises when Major Chapman won the Pole Vault at a modest 9 feet 9 inches from Lt. Reep of the Dorsets, who cleared 9 ft. 6 in.

The Dorset athlete, who cleared 10 feet 6 inches at Carline Hill last month with a bamboo pole, can't get used to a metal one.

The Colony Champion, 2/Lt. Wren of 50 Field Eng. Regt., who has been away in Singapore, returned to the local arena in the Long Jump qualifying round with a respectable 20 feet 4 1/2 inches, with Major Chapman an inch behind at 20:3 1/2.

Sgt. R. J. Hesling, whose ground record was beaten by a half-inch, stood third at the end of the qualifying round with 19:9 1/2, the only other qualifier being 2/Lt. Shenon of 27 Lt. Bty., RA, with 19:4 1/2.

The slowest of the 100 Yards Dash qualifiers for the final was caught in 10.7 seconds, the two fastest—Gnr. Kirk of 173 Loc. Bty., RA, and 2/Lt. J. O. Cave, of the Royal Ulster Rifles—returning 10.4 seconds. 2/Lt. Goodburn of 26 Field Regt., RA, turned in the year's fastest "Quarter" with 55.2 seconds in the 440 Yards heats. He also turned in the fastest heat in the 880 Yards with 2 minutes 10 seconds.

SOFT SPOT
One of the curious "doubles" being attempted is Signalman "Mike" Curzon's 440 Yards and One Mile. Curzon, who started as a quarter-miler and then discovered himself in the mile, apparently still has a soft spot for the "Quarter". Gnr. Derek Coburn of 45 Field Regt., RA, who holds two Colony records over 1,500 metres and 5,000 metres—two almost unattainable distances to an Englishman, is apparently out for an understandable English record.

He is confining himself to the Three Miles and is reported to be certain that he can take 10 seconds off 5/Sgt. Peter West's Colony record of 15 minutes 11.8 seconds.

He will be chased by the improving L/Bdr. Cope, L/Cpl. Ralph Hatcher and Lt. Maughan, the last mentioned reported to be the holder of Army colours for the Two Miles Steeplechase.

The mile field is thus left to Lt. M. N. S. McCord of the Royal Ulster Rifles and Signalman Michael Curzon, with L/Cpl. Hatcher of the Royal Engineers, 2/Lt. Benson of the Royal Ulster Rifles and 2/Lt. Bowen of 72 LAA Regt., RA, three other strong contenders.

McCord and Bowen are doubling in the 880 Yards where they meet Goodburn and three surprise finalists in Lt. Fielder (14 Fd. Regt., RA), 2/Lt. Eborlie (1 Dorset), and Lt. Wells (H.K. Signal Regiment).

10 Miles A Day To Keep In Trim

Washington, Mar. 3. On a normal day a frail-looking, 123-pound Georgetown University track star, Charlie Capozzoli, keeps in trim by walking, trotting and running 10 miles.

But when a big day comes along and he's competing in a Two Mile race, Capozzoli eases off. He limits himself to this: An hour before time for the race he jogs three times as a warm-up.

These habits, diligently pursued, have made Capozzoli one of America's chief hopes in distance running.

And if you're interested in an extreme longshot, you might back Capozzoli to create a stir in the 1956 Olympic distance races, normally the monopoly of non-American runners.

IN A BIG WAY
Capozzoli broke into print in a big way as a result of his showing in Boston early this year. He beat Horace Ashenfelter, the Olympic steeplechase champion, by 45 yards in the surprising time of 8 minutes, 55.3 seconds.

In what will be the first all-Military final in the history of the Hongkong Land Forces Championships.

While the meeting is being run with the same efficiency as characterised the previous shows put on by Captain Ellis, it is still (or was up to a late hour last night) an unauthorised meeting as far as the HKAAA is concerned.

So any records set are likely to be Army records only, and Colony Standard Medals may be withheld.

THE COMPETITORS

Here is the list of events and competitors for the Land Forces Championship today.
440 Hurdles—2/Lt. Patterson, Gnr. Peck, Lt. Farmer, Wright, Lt. Reep, 2/Lt. Fawcett.
100 Yds.—Gnr. CSM Howe, Lt. Arnold, Lambert, Cpl. Baddo, L/Cpl. Scott, Cpl. Allen, Sgt. Lemon, 2/Lt. Shaw, Cpl. Denham, S/Cpl. Funn.
One Mile—Gnr. Willey, Gnr. Phillips, L/Cpl. Fidler, Sgt. Mason, Sign. Curzon, 2/Lt. Benson, L/Cpl. Hatcher, Gnr. Vase, Gnr. Barrow, L/Cpl. Scott, Cpl. Harding, L/Cpl. Cromley, Pte Wingate.
500 Yds.—Sgt. Adams, S/Sgt. Hesling, 2/Lt. Edwards, Capt. Jerome, Cpl. Baddy, L/Cpl. Piper, 2/Lt. Eborlie, Cpl. Pyle, Sgt. Mayhan, Sign. Pender.
100 Yds.—Gnr. Goodwin, L/Cpl. Kirk, Lt. Baker, 2/Lt. Cave, Gnr. Kirk, 2/Lt. Wren.
Shot Put—Gnr. CSM Howe, Lt. Arnold, 2/Lt. Fawcett, Cpl. Funn, 2/Lt. Wren, L/Cpl. Scott, Cpl. Baddy, Pte Phillips, Pte Stanley, Sgt. Lemon, 2/Lt. Edwards, Cpl. Denham, Maj. Chapman, 2/Lt. Shenon, S/Sgt. Hira-bahadur.
220 Yds.—Lt. Fielders, 2/Lt. Bowen, 2/Lt. Eborlie, 2/Lt. Goodburn, Lt. McCord, Lt. Wells.
400 Yds.—Lt. Perry, Cpl. Lockwood, Gnr. Eggleston, L/Bdr. Garlew, Lt. Lambert, Sgt. Hughes, L/Cpl. Scott, L/Bdr. Moore, Cpl. Denham, Cpl. Harding, Gnr. Vase, Gnr. Barrow, L/Cpl. Scott, Long Jump—Cpl. Evans, S/Sgt. Hira-bahadur, Maj. Chapman, 2/Lt. Shenon, 2/Lt. Wren.
120 Yds. Hurdles—Pte Davey, Sgt. Hughes, Lt. Baker, 2/Lt. Fawcett, 2/Lt. Cave, Cpl. Mulvaney.
Hammer—Gnr. Fawcett, L/Bdr. Moore, Cpl. Denham, Cpl. Harding, Pte Capstick, Sgt. Lemon, Cpl. Livmore, Sgt. Keedon, L/Cpl. Sinclair, 2/Lt. Wren.
220 Yds.—L/Cpl. Crane, Gnr. Goodwin, L/Bdr. Day, Sgt. Dockree, Sgt. Martin, L/Bdr. Cope, 2/Lt. Wren, High Jump—2/Lt. Clark Hill, Lt. Farmer, Wright, Lt. Fortune, Lt. Bright, Pte Wren, 2/Lt. Edwards, L/Cpl. Piper, Cpl. Gillies, Gnr. George, L/Cpl. Pyle, Gnr. Dargie.
Three Miles—Gnr. Coburn, Lt. Maughan, Cpl. Evans, Gnr. Adam, 2/Lt. Goodburn, L/Cpl. Hatcher, Gnr. Lee, L/Bdr. Cope, Cpl. Harding, L/Cpl. Cromley, Pte Wingate.
UP GOES JENNIE
While the Land Forces Championship heats were being run off at Boundary Street, the heats and some finals of the King George V School Sports were being contested at Argyle Street.

Main interest was centred in the battle between Jennifer

Hart and Deborah Hurlbatt for the Middle Girls' High Jump Championship, it being whispered about that Deborah was gunning for Jennifer's Colony record.

The battle was a long drawn-out one and held up the rest of the afternoon's proceedings, because it was, indeed, a grim battle. It very nearly broke the Rhodesian Hurlbatt's heart when she failed on her first try at 4 feet 5 inches and Jennifer led on tower failures.

But there was no surrender and she cleared 4 ft. 6 in. and then 4 ft. 7 1/2 inches better than she has done before and a good two inches above the old Colony record that Jennifer has been successfully concentrating on this season.

Deborah was out at 4 ft. 8 in. and Jennifer continued to clear 4 feet 8 1/2 inches—one eighth of an inch better than her own Colony record.

The rest of the field—some of whom have done much better in practice—lagged far behind. Diana Parker was third with 4 feet 2 inches, Libby Slokes fourth at 4 ft. and Sherroo Talati, Margaret Jennings, Nicola Henage and Lyn Ramsay tied at 4 feet.

The National Press at Home has for some years now been decrying the lack of a "killer" instinct in British sport. One of the great decifiers like Peter Wilson should come down to Hongkong to watch "Butch" Hart and "Battling" Hurlbatt do about a job of improving on the good performance for Hongkong.

Meanwhile, if the Seniors have lost heart as a result of Middle Girls' stealing the limelight, the Juniors have apparently been learning from the Middle Girls.

Time was last year when Mary Leonora (Call Me "Molly") Williams set the pace among the Juniors. Molly has now gone to England and the first of her records went yesterday when Rae Jones and Jacqueline Thomas showed that the Under-13s could come close to matching the University Champion—never mind outjumping Molly's best—in the Long Jump.

Rae cleared 12 feet 4 1/2 inches and Jacqueline 12 feet 1 1/2 inches, with Margaret Kenwick not far off Molly's old record with 10 ft. 8 in.

This event saw the athletic debut of the first second generation athlete since the founding of the HKAAA—Maja Van Vliet took sixth place at 10 feet 0 1/2 inches, also a very reasonable mark by University's women's standards.

For the benefit of the large Dutch community who are still trying to calculate Mrs. Van Vliet's Colony records in terms of metres, Maja cleared 3.00 metres.

UNIVERSITY TEAM
The University team for the athletic match against the HKAAA on Sunday at Pokfulam will be:
100 Yards—Leong Sin-hon, Lee King-fun;
220 Yards—Chan Leong-chye, A. N. Other;
440 Yards—Leong Sin-hon, Hoi Seng-tuck;
880 Yards—Norbert Chan, K. M. Tang, Yewee Woei;
Shot Put—R. Helmeier, Mui Kue-yu, P. E. Farrell, Leong Siu-keo;
Javelin—R. Helmeier, Mui Yuen-shek, Wai Kue-yu, R. Molden; High Jump—Wong Wing-foon, Chan Leong-chye;
Long Jump—Victor Lai, Wong Wing-foon.

Rugger Results

London, Mar. 4. Oxford University beat the Royal Air Force 9-0 in a Rugby Union match today.

In a Rugby League second round replay, Leigh beat Halifax 7-4.

Leigh will now meet St. Helens at home in the third round on March 14.—Reuter.

ON SPRING ALONE



La Salle College's George Thumb is no newcomer to the Colony's first rank in the High and Long Jumps. He was second and third respectively in these two events at the last Colony Championships.

He is even better this year than he was last April and has already cleared 5 feet 6 inches over the bar and over 21 feet in the Long Jump.

Depending on spring only in either event, his chances of becoming a double Colony record-holder are very good if he learns the technique of the two events.—China Mail Photo.

WHY NOT PUT DIRECTORS ON THE CUP FINAL TICKET RATION?

The Football Association having met in full council—that must have been a profoundly impressive assembly of Soccer eminence—completed their grand inquisition into the aged question: Where do Cup tickets go at Wembley time?

And they could do little more, this erudition of football brains, than blame it upon the poor players who make this Wembley occasion.

You saw the ration for the Cup Final men—one dozen per person, and each ticket to be handed carefully to their dearest and nearest whose names must be recorded in a round firm hand.

All of which accounts for the massive snarl of the Players' Union, James Guthrie, swelling this—

INFORMATIVE

What he said was vivid, colourful and informative, like this—

It Goes Into The Record Books As One Of The Great Fight Controversies

By JACK HAND

New York, Mar. 4.

The Joey Giardello-Billy Graham disputed decision goes into the record books as one of the great fight controversies.

Giardello finally discovered, almost two months after his December 19 Madison Square Garden fight with Graham, that he really won it. He won it once for about three minutes, held an "unofficial" decision for about 20 minutes and then "lost" when Bob Christenberry, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, reversed Judge Joe Agnello's scorecard.

Supreme Court Justice Bernard Botkin gave it back to Giardello when he annulled the Commission's action in an 11-page decision. Christenberry had no comment, but it was not believed that he planned any appeal.

In his opinion, Justice Botkin said the only reason the Commission gave for changing Agnello's card was that "he had failed to follow the standards set forth in the boxing rules." This reason, the justice said, was "so vague as to be meaningless."

The two fighters, training for their third meeting on March 6 at the Garden over the 12-round route, were ready to settle matters in the ring.

ELATED

Giardello, elated by the news at Egan's training camp at Summit, New Jersey, shouted: "In my mind, I won it all the time. This time I'll show them all. It won't be close." The Philadelphia middleweight has his eyes on the title vacated by Sugar Ray Robinson.

Some bookmakers paid off both ways to avoid trouble. Some paid nobody but gave back the money, some have not been available since.—Associated Press.

A shocked Graham heard the decision at his Greenwood Lake, New York, training camp. "I feel very bad," he said. "I thought I won it. Christenberry did the right thing. How are you going to avoid bad decisions if the Commission can't act. I'll make sure there will be no bad decision next time."

Giardello now holds two disputed split decisions over the New York welterweight, the first on August 4 at Brooklyn Eastern Parkway Arena.

The reversal of the decision brought up some interesting questions about wagers on the fight. Graham was a 2-1 favourite in the Garden fight and some paid off early on Giardello as a winner. After reading the papers the next day, they squawked that Graham was the official winner and they had won — not lost.

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"This is a grim show. Why smear the players and pick them out as the men who cash in on the Cup Finals?"

"Why not be honest and rake out the number of tickets that directors have begged for themselves? In the past some have not stopped at the hundred mark."

"These tickets have been nice little passports to Eton and business, a smooth-over in the way of slightly rough trade passages. I know they have not collected hard cash, but the result has eventually been a brighter bank balance. If the players are to be cajoled, then so should the directors."

Spoken like an old Cup-winning captain, James Guthrie. Remember him as the man who in 1939 fooled most of the Cup-fancying world by taking Portsmouth along to lick the unbeatable Wolves?

SUICIDE? NO!

But, James Guthrie, how can you expect a demand for the scrapping of directors? Glaze upon the opening pages of the Rules of the Football Association and Laws of the Game and there you will find that many members of the council are football directors. Would they decapitate themselves?

Let the full council solemnly sign their Wembley charter. Let the Players' Union batter down the doors of the Football Association in search of fair play. They are both well of the mark. The fight on the 21st of April is a shure-out is the 43,000 tickets that go out to county associations and are whitelisted away with odd tickets to fiddling little clubs that have no more allegiance to the Cup-fighting pair than their weekly declaration of faith in marking them 1, 2 on X.

These are the tickets that should go to boost up the miserable 12,000 apiece which harassed clubs are expected to satisfy the faithful who on the road to Wembley have endured British Railways' treatment over endless miles. Wembley belongs to them.

(London Express Service)

J. J. Jeffries Dead
New York, Mar. 4. James J. Jeffries, former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, died last night at Burbank, California. He was 77.—Reuter.

SCHOOLS' OPEN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Further progress was made in the Schoolboys' and Schoolgirls' Colony Badminton Open Championships yesterday when 16 matches were played off at the Diocesan Boys' School in the afternoon and Queen's College in the evening.

Maintaining the high standard of the opening matches, yesterday's programme produced two major upsets.

In the Boys' Senior Doubles, the second-seeded pair of E. Marquez-Lim and David Castro went down by the decisive score of 4-15 and 9-15 to Wong Shiu-kwong of Queen's College and Siu Chuen of Queen's College and in the Senior Ladies' Singles a new star appeared on the horizon when Tong Shue-cheung of St. Stephen's Girls' College upset one of the best schoolgirl players of last season, G. Baptista, by 11-4, 11-0.

The Schoolgirls' events, which commenced yesterday, saw also a number of prominent players in action. Particularly conspicuous were Mary Wong and May Wong of French Convent.

Special mention must also be made of the fine sporting attitude of the junior girls from St. Mary's School who participated in the Senior Girls' event yesterday despite the handicap of size and age.

The very keen interest taken by the sports mistresses of the different girls' schools in yesterday's matches was another conspicuous feature of this year's Schoolgirls' Championships, and this together with the large crowd present at yesterday's matches seems to augur an extremely successful season for the schoolboys and schoolgirls' tournament.

THE RESULTS
(At Diocesan Boys' School)
Boys' Junior Doubles: Chan Chung-lee and Cecil Peh (SSC) beat Lee Hing-nai and Yu Tung-kei (YGS) 15-8, 15-7.
K. Wai-kwok and Cyril Q. Wong (WYHK) beat Henry Wong and Sin Tung-shun (DBS) 15-0, 15-4.

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James Lai (WY Kin.) v Stephen Peh (DBS).
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Boys' Senior Singles: V. C. Tung (SJC) v Shou Kee-shek (Ryden).
Alan Wong (NMC) v Long Hin-jok (DBS).
To Ka-yiu (YGS) v Lee Sik-chuen (DBS).
Soo Chen-jen (DBS) v Bing Wu (DBS).

TOMORROW'S GAMES
(At Grantham College—6 p.m.)
Junior Boys' Singles: Van Wu (DBS) v Jose Basto (RGVS).
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'Spurs And Birmingham City Draw 2-All In Replay
London, Mar. 4. Tottenham Hotspur and Birmingham City drew two-all here today in their Football Association Cup sixth round replay, after another two hours of top-speed football full of thrills.

They will meet for the third time at Wolverhampton on Monday.

Tottenham were expected to get through to the semi-finals, but in fact it was Birmingham who came out of the match with the greater honours.

Tottenham had nearly three quarters of the play in the first half, but after the interval and during the extra time, Birmingham shook them out of their game.

Showing more tenacity in their tackling than in the first half, they were also faster on the ball and played with admirable team work.

Len Duquemin gave Tottenham one goal lead at half time. Boyd equalised after the interval from close range, following a free kick.

Tottenham went ahead again with a goal by Bennett, but 12 minutes from full time, Ray Ferris headed through the equaliser.

There was no score in the extra time.

OTHER RESULTS
Division I
Middlesbro' 1 Aston Villa 0
Liverpool 0 Bolton W. 0
Inter-Services
Army 1 Royal Navy 3
—Reuter.

League Soccer Standings
The following are the standings in all divisions of the Hongkong Football League as on March 2:

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"HANYANG"	Bangkok	10 a.m. 11th Mar.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 11th Mar.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 13th Mar.
"SUOCHOW"	Shanghai, Nagoya, Osaka & Kobe	10 a.m. 15th Mar.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	5 p.m. 15th Mar.

ARRIVALS FROM

"FENGHIE"	Singapore	7th Mar.
"SHENGKING"	Keelung	9th Mar.
"HANYANG"	Kobe	9th Mar.
"YOHOW"	Kobe	9th Mar.
"ANKING"	Singapore	10th Mar.
"HUNAN"	Tientsin	10th Mar.
"SUOCHOW"	Shanghai	10th Mar.
"SUOCHOW"	Bangkok	15th Mar.

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"TAIPING"	Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama	Noon 5th Mar.
"TAIYUAN"	Japan	21st Mar.
"CHANGTUNG"	Japan	25th Mar.
"TAIPING"	Singapore & Melbourne	25th Mar.

ARRIVALS FROM

"TAIPING"	Australia & Manila	In Port
"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	17th Mar.
"CHANGTUNG"	Australia & Manila	21st Mar.
"TAIPING"	Japan	23rd Mar.

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Scheduled Sailings to Europe via Aden & Port Said.		
"PELUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	7th Mar.
"MENTOR"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th Mar.
"ALCINOUS"	Liverpool & Dublin	24th Mar.
"ANTIOCHUS"	Genoa, London, Rotterdam & Hamburg	27th Mar.
"PATROCLES"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Apr.
"AUTOLYCUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow	14th Apr.

Scheduled Sailings from Europe

Sails		
S. "ANTIOCHUS"	Liverpool	11th Mar.
G. "PATROCLES"	do	14th Mar.
G. "AUTOLYCUS"	do	23rd Mar.
G. "LAOMEDON"	do	29th Mar.
G. "ANCHISES"	do	8th Apr.
G. "PERSEUS"	9th Mar.	13th Mar.
G. "ASTYANAX"	18th Mar.	22nd Apr.
G. "AENEAS"	24th Mar.	29th Apr.

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"DONA ALICIA"	4th Apr.

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"ACAMENNON"	5th Apr.

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HK-Singapore-Hongkong	DC-4 11:00 a.m. Tues. 5:00 p.m. Wed.	11:00 a.m. Tues. 5:00 p.m. Wed.
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"BENALDER"	Japan 23rd Mar.
"BENLAVERS"	U.K. 1st Apr.
"BENCLEUCH"	U.K. 6th Apr.
"BENARTY"	U.K. via Singapore 9th Apr.
"BENAVON"	U.K. via Singapore 10th Apr.

SAILINGS

FROM	DUE
"BENCLEUCH"	Kure, Kobe & Yokohama 12th Mar.
"BENLEDI"	Direct to Singapore, thence London, Antwerp and Hamburg. 12th Mar.
"BENVANNOCCH"	Avonmouth, London & Hull. 21st Mar.
"BENALDER"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Rotterdam and Hull. 23rd Mar.
"BENLAVERS"	Direct to Singapore, thence Havre, London and Rotterdam. 4th Apr.
"BENCLEUCH"	Direct to Singapore, thence Genoa, Liverpool, Antwerp and Hamburg. 7th Apr.
"BENARTY"	Genoa, Liverpool, Glasgow and Rotterdam. 12th Apr.

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THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 6th March, 1953, at Noon for the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and the Auditors' Report thereon.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1952.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 21st February, 1953 to 6th March, 1953, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th Feb., 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v "ALCINOUS"
Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Horta Wharf between 10 a.m. and Noon on March 6 and 7, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, March 4, 1953.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong)

Notice to Shareholders

Ordinary Yearly Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Sixty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 27th day of March, 1953, at Noon, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and the Auditors' Report thereon.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1952.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

Closing of Transfer Books

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th March, 1953, to the 27th March, 1953, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v "ACAMENNON"
Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Horta Wharf between 10 a.m. on March 7, 1953, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, March 4, 1953.

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholder

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sixteenth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building, on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1953, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and considering the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1952, and the Balance Sheet as at that date and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The Register of Transfers of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 7th day of March to Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1953, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & COMPANY, LIMITED.
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th Feb., 1953.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per AUSTRALIA-WEST PACIFIC LINE, m.s. "AIROS"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown where it will be at consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and condition of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on the 6th March, 1953.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 8th March, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 16th March, 1953, or they will not be recognized.

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Hongkong, 4th March, 1953.

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PASSENGER/FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards	Leaves London	Due Hongkong
"CANTON"	8th February	8th March
"CARTHAGE"	8th February	2nd April
"CORFU"	1st April	4th May
"CANTON"	30th April	1st June

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CANTON"	13th March	13th April
"CARTHAGE"	5th April	2nd May
"CORFU"	8th May	6th June
"CANTON"	20th June	6th July

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FREIGHT SERVICE

Outwards from UK	Due	For
"SOUDAN"	17th March	Japan
Homewards	Sails	For
"SURAT"	12th March	Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham, Colombo, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, Havre, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam & Hamburg

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	sails 10th Mar.	Rangoon, for Japan

P. & O.B. I. JOINT SERVICE

"OLINDA"	due 11th Mar.	from Japan
	sails 13th Mar.	for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Khorramshahr, Basrah & P. Gulf Ports via Bombay
"UMARIA"	due 21st Mar.	from P. Gulf
	sails 22nd Mar.	Karachi, Bombay, Colombo, Singapore for Japan

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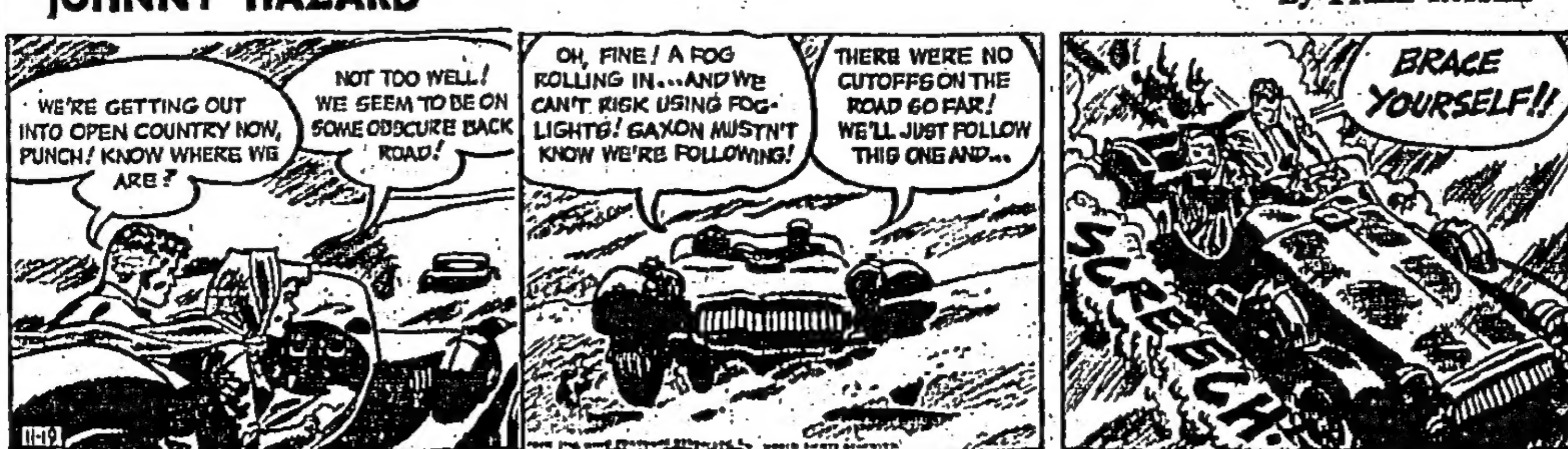
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CANADIAN DIPLOMATS' NEW POSTS

Ottawa, Mar. 4.
Canada's expanding diplomatic service gained two important new posts today as the Government named a High Commissioner to Ceylon and an Ambassador to the new Republic of Indonesia.

The Department of External Affairs announced the appointment of Mr. James Hurley, a veteran of both World Wars and former Canadian Consul at Detroit, as High Commissioner to Ceylon.

At the same time the Department said that Mr. George Heasman, 43, former trade commission service chief, would become the first Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia.

The appointment of Mr. Hurley as High Commissioner to Ceylon rounded out Canada's representation among Commonwealth countries. The Department said that it also was part of a programme to widen representation in South and South-East Asia where Canadian money is being spent under the Colombo Plan to help raise production rates and standards of living.

Mr. Hurley is a native of Bradford, Ontario, and served in both World Wars. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1947 and after service with the Military Mission in Berlin was named Consul at Detroit in 1948. He has been serving with the Department in Ottawa since 1951.

Mr. Heasman served at Batavia, Java, in the heart of the new Indonesian Republic, as Trade Commissioner from 1928 to 1938. He also has served in Capetown, London and Chicago.—United Press.



